पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री टी० आर० बालू): (क) जी हां।

(ख) एच० बी० जे० पाइपलाइन के माध्यम से दी जाने वाली गैस का राज्यवार आवंटन निम्नानुसार है:

(एम० एम० एस० सी० एम० डी०)

गुजरात	4.77
मध्य प्रदेश	4.20
राजस्थान	3.74
उत्तर प्रदेश	19.12
हरियाणा	2.68
दिल्ली	3.02

Financing the parks and recreational areas

1903. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER b pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to finance parks and recreational areas in cities, towns and urban habitats;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have extended any such assistance to any township in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) if so, the details thereof

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (DR. V. VENKATESWARLU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A proposal for introducing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of City/ Urban Forestry has been formulated by the Ministry of Urban Affairs & Employment and has been circulated to the Ministry of Environment & Forests and the Planning Commission for comments. The proposal seeks to promote city forests, green belts, woodlots, etc., based on a partnership between Central and State Governments and certain town level reforms. In addition, under the Centrally sponsored Scheme of infrastructural development in Mega Cities, the development of parks and recreational areas can be considered by the concerned State Governments.

(c) and (d) Under the Mega Cities Scheme, an amount of Rs. 41.5 crores has been allocated to Andhra Pradesh as Central assistance during 1993-96 for undertaking various urban development programmes, including development of parks and recreational areas. The Hyderabad Urban Development Authority is the nodal agency for implementation of the Scheme.

Oil and gas search by US in eastern part of the country

1904. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the U.S. has shown its keenness for oil and gas search in the eastern part of the country;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the proposal by leading American expert body (ESRI);

(c) if so, by when Government are likely to give their consent; and

(d) by when the agreement is likely to be reached?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BALLU): (a) Some companies from U.S. have bid in the various exploration bidding rounds.

(b) to (d) Earth Sciences and Resources Institute (ESRI), University of Utah, USA and KDMIPE, ONGC have signed an MOU on 22.03.1995 for a joint scientific study entitled "A Comprehensive Review of the Hydrocarbon Prospectivity of Bengal Basin, Onshore and Offshore India."

File destroying scam in GDA

1905. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a file-destroying scam has been going on in the land department of Ghaziabad Development Authority;